

many years Jeremy has been involved with Scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Jeremy James Fajen for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

WORLD PSORIASIS DAY

HON. TODD RUSSELL PLATTS

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 2, 2008

Mr. PLATTS. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize October 29, 2008, as World Psoriasis Day.

Madam Speaker, over 125 million individuals across the globe have been diagnosed with psoriasis or psoriatic arthritis. Psoriasis is a lifelong skin disorder that causes thick, red lesions to appear on the skin. These lesions are often painful and itchy for the diagnosed individual.

Unfortunately, there is currently no cure for psoriasis. A number of treatments have been developed and are often effective in controlling the disease. However, continual therapy is usually essential.

I became aware of World Psoriasis Day through a constituent of mine, Nicholas Stem, who was diagnosed with psoriasis when he was just 7 years old. Fortunately, Nicholas has been able to control his psoriasis by taking a biologic drug in the form of an injection every week.

I am honored to represent the Stem family, who have made advocacy on behalf of Nicholas and the millions of other individuals affected by psoriasis a family mission. At 9 years of age, Nicholas has already given educational presentations in front of his classmates, Cub Scout pack, and Members of Congress and their staffs. I commend the Stem family for their efforts.

World Psoriasis Day aims to bring global awareness to the disease and increase the understanding of psoriasis within the general public. A long-standing myth is that psoriasis is contagious. This myth is perhaps one of the most damaging psychologically to individuals with psoriasis and is simply untrue.

It is my hope that someday a cure for psoriasis will be discovered. Until that time, Madam Speaker, it is important for efforts such as World Psoriasis Day to bring awareness around the globe regarding the prevalence of the disease and the need for effective treatments.

RECOGNIZING CAPTAIN CHARLES L. STUPPARD WITH THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY FOR HIS SERVICE AS COMMANDER OF TASK GROUP 56.6 IN KUWAIT, IRAQ, AND AFGHANISTAN

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 2, 2008

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I wish to take a moment to recognize Captain

Charles L. Stuppard with the United States Navy for his service and dedication as Commander of Task Group 56.6 in Kuwait, Iraq, and Afghanistan. As the Navy Individual Augmentee Support Group, Task Group 56.6 serves to in-process, oversee, train, out-process and care for members of the Navy assigned as Individual Augmentees to duties in the Global War on Terrorism. Rather than being a member of a particular military structure, such as a brigade or battalion, an "Individual Augmentee" (or IA) is a Sailor who fills a position for which there is a shortage or high demand. After a year serving as the Commander of TG 56.6, On Thursday, June 5, 2008, a Change of Command Ceremony took place at the CDR Phillip Murphy-Sweet Warrior Transition Program Facility, Camp Arifjan, Kuwait to recognize Captain Stuppard's leadership.

When I think of Captain Stuppard, I am reminded of the words of Martin Luther King, Jr., and Rosalynn Carter. Reverend Doctor King reflected, "The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy." Mrs. Carter once said, "A leader takes people where they want to go. A great leader takes people where they don't necessarily want to go, but ought to be." As the Commander of the Navy's IA Support Group, Captain Stuppard demonstrated the spirit of these quotes. During a time of great conflict and challenge, he was responsible for ensuring that thousands of Sailors were supported and cared for while performing a variety of specialized positions to meet theater requirements in Kuwait, Iraq and Afghanistan. To accomplish this, Captain Stuppard enhanced the check-in and training process of incoming personnel to theater, improved the support structures, provided oversight during the deployment, and strengthened supports for returning service members. Central to these successes were his commitment and ability to coordinate and streamline operational relationships within IA and non-IA stakeholders to provide the services needed by all to our IA sailors in the Global War on Terrorism. His coordinated efforts improved administrative efficiencies, which reduced the immediate risk and burden on deployed Expeditionary forces. Captain Stuppard was lauded for his "Sailor first" philosophy—developing programs, ensuring key supports for military personnel, and establishing benchmarks for continuous support for future operations. These activities demand adept leadership and an acute sense of mission goals to address the rapidly changing needs of deployed Sailors.

Truly, these accomplishments are impressive and worthy of the recognition of the United States House of Representatives. I wish Captain Stuppard well in his new role as the Executive Assistant to the Commander of Navy Installations Command at the Washington Navy Yard. I am certain that in this position he will continue to serve his country with honor, lead with wisdom, and display courage that few demonstrate but many admire.

IN RECOGNITION OF MR. WOODFIN K. GROVE

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 2, 2008

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Madam Speaker, I would like to request the House's attention today to pay recognition to a special day in the life of a constituent of mine, Mr. Woodfin K. Grove.

On October 23rd, Mr. Grove will celebrate his 90th birthday. To help commemorate this special occasion, his friends and church family are surprising him with a dinner at The Bridge at First United Methodist Church in Anniston, Alabama on October 22nd.

Woodfin K. Grove was born in Birmingham, Alabama, and was an only child. He graduated from Ensley High School and Birmingham Southern, both located in Birmingham. He received his degree in Theology from Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia. Mr. Grove married Dorothy Rowland with whom he had one daughter, Ann, and one grandson, John.

Today Mr. Grove is loved by everyone. He is known for his good advice to those around him and serves as a wise leader in his church. He and his wife, Dot, both are young at heart and have been known to ride around Anniston on his motorcycle or in his sports car. They attend First United Methodist Church in Anniston where he became Pastor Emeritus in 2001.

I would like to congratulate Mr. Grove on reaching this important milestone in his life. I wish him a happy birthday and the best in the future.

IN RECOGNITION OF AMERICAN DIABETES MONTH

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 2, 2008

Ms. DELAURO. Madam Speaker, as we approach November, American Diabetes Month®, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize the significant daily challenges faced by those struggling with chronic diseases such as diabetes. At a time when our Nation is facing urgent crises from the economy to foreign policy, some Americans may wonder why it is important to worry about diabetes. The fact is that diabetes has become one of the most urgent public health crises of the 21st century. More than 24 million children and adults in the U.S. are already bearing the daily consequences of living with diabetes, and the numbers continue to grow.

Diabetes comes in 2 main forms: Type 1 diabetes, or "juvenile diabetes," often develops in children, adolescents, and young adults; and Type 2 diabetes, which typically develops after age 40, but is appearing with increasing, and alarming, frequency in children. Although the causes of type 1 diabetes are not entirely known, it is not caused by obesity or by eating excessive sugar. There is a crucial and continuing need for research on the causes, prevention, treatment and cure of Type 1 Diabetes. That is why I am so pleased to have supported the Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act of 2008, which extended the Special Diabetes Program and the